

MHT #FHD-1293

John Lewis Ford House (112 Water Street)

Built around 1895-1897

Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland

Private dwelling

Brief Description

This two-bay, double pile, shed-roofed dwelling is one of few free-standing dwellings on the street. It is set further back from the street than most of the dwellings, allowing for a small front yard. It also has a one-story, full-width, front porch. It originally consisted of a one-room block with a slightly narrower two-story back building with a two-story side porch in the form characteristic throughout Frederick. Both levels of the porch have subsequently been enclosed. The building has been altered with additions on the north elevation and rear, and the original weatherboard cladding of the dwelling was covered with stucco in the 1950s.

Summary Statement of Significance

This frame single dwelling is a contributing building in the Frederick Historic District. It was built around 1896 as one of the earlier houses built during the approximately ten-year period when most of the dwellings on Water Street were constructed. The dwelling was probably built by John Lewis Ford, one of several members of the Ford family, who built a number of the houses on Water Street. It was built in Lot 12 and part of Lot 11 of Mary A. Welty's Addition to Frederick, Maryland, a small subdivision on the south side of the railroad tracks. Although Ford built a number of houses in the neighborhood, this was his primary residence for at least twenty years.

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. FHD-1293

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Lewis Ford House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 112 Water Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Frederick

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Frederick

3. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military

☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Troy D. Cregar, Sr. and Stacey L. Cregar

street & number 112 Water Street

telephone no.: 301-620-2083

city, town Frederick

state and zip code Maryland 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Court House

liber 2167

street & number 100 West Patrick Street

folio 1285

city, town Frederick

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title Standing Structures Report, East Street Widening and Extension in Frederick, Maryland

date May 1981

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville

state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1 building

This two-story frame single dwelling was built around 1896 as one of the earlier houses built during the approximately ten-year period when most of the dwellings on Water Street were constructed. It originally consisted of a one-room block with a slightly narrower two-story back building with a two-story side porch in the form characteristic throughout Frederick. Both levels of the porch have subsequently been enclosed to create a bathroom on the second level and a laundry room on the first. One of only three free-standing dwellings on the street, it is set further back from the street than most of the dwellings, allowing for a small front yard. The building has been altered with additions on the north elevation and rear, and the original weatherboard cladding of the dwelling was covered with stucco in the 1950s.

The two-bay, double pile, shed-roofed dwelling rests on a low limestone foundation. The west front elevation has a one-story, full-width porch. The shed roof of the porch is supported by turned posts and pilasters with ogee brackets. The wood posts appear to have been cut at their mid-point and are now supported on square brick piers which rest on a poured-concrete floor. The post at the north end of the porch is supported on a brick half-wall that closes this end of the porch. The two-over-two sash windows have decorative shutters and storm windows. Shutter pins suggest the presence of operable shutters at one time. The door has one light over two panels and has a storm door. The over-hanging eave of the shed roof is supported by a row of ogee brackets. The front yard is covered with poured concrete and is surrounded by a chain-link fence.

- The north side elevation of the original part of the building has no windows or doors. A kitchen addition added to the east rear in the 1940s of 1950s added a wood-sash, one-over-one window at the rear of the elevation. A recently added second-story bedroom, supported on metal posts, extends over the poured-concrete driveway along the north side of the dwelling. This one-room addition is of frame construction and is clad in vinyl siding. It has a gabled roof with its gable end perpendicular to the original shed roof. The windows are one-over-one wood sash.

The east rear elevation of the original portion is obscured by the kitchen, utility room, and second-story additions. All of these additions were made in the last half of the twentieth century. A one-story kitchen and utility room were added first. A second story was then added above the kitchen and utility room. The windows in these additions are one-over-one, wood sash.

The south side elevation of the original portion has no first floor windows. Windows on the second floor match the others. This side of the dwelling contained the patio and balcony. Both of these have been enclosed. The enclosed patio is faced with vinyl siding and has a storm door and window. A portion of the patio was incorporated into the utility room. The entrance to the cellar is located in the floor of the enclosed patio.

A half-cellar is located below the parlor and is entered by the opening in the enclosed side patio. Its limestone walls are dry-laid. A concrete block retaining wall has been built along the east end of the cellar. Circular sawn floor joists are visible in the cellar and are bridged.

In the parlor, a boxed staircase to the second floor runs along the north wall. The closet door beneath the stairs is beaded tongue-and-groove. A window on the east rear wall affords a view of the enclosed patio. The entrance to the original kitchen (now the dining room) has been opened and is arched. The base board is plain, and the window and door surrounds are molded. The walls have been recently papered, and the floor is carpeted. The original kitchen is now used as a dining room. The moldings and floor and wall treatments are the same as in the parlor. The entrance to the kitchen addition is on the east rear wall of the dining room.

- The original portion of the second story contained two bedrooms. The second story balcony has been enclosed for the addition of a bathroom. Bedroom additions have been made over the kitchen addition and over the driveway.

In the back yard east of the dwelling are two non-contributing outbuildings, a gambrel-roofed plywood shed at the rear of the house and a gambrel-roofed metal shed at the rear property line.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1895-1897 Builder/Architect John Lewis Ford

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The frame dwelling at 112 Water Street was probably built between 1895 and 1897 by John Lewis Ford, one of several members of the Ford family, who built a number of the houses on Water Street. It was built in Lot 12 and part of Lot 11 of Mary A. Welty's Addition to Frederick, Maryland, a small subdivision developed in the last decade of the nineteenth century. Although Ford built a number of houses in the neighborhood, this was his primary residence for at least twenty years. After changing hands several times in the early 1920s, the house was purchased by Clarence and Alice Louise Fogle. The Fogles occupied the house briefly in the 1930s, then rented it to the Riggles family, headed by an employee of the Frederick Brick Works. Alice Louise Fogle moved back into the house in the 1960s. When she died in 1995, it was purchased by one of her descendants, who currently occupies the house.

In 1889, George K. Birely's heirs sold an approximately three-acre tract of land to Horace Welty. With the assistance of John S. Ramsburg, Horace Welty surveyed more than two acres of the tract which they divided into twenty irregularly shaped residential lots. These lots are illustrated in a May 23, 1891 plat, recorded in the land records of Frederick County.

On January 8, 1892, Charles E. Zellars purchased lots 11, 12, and 13 from Horace and Mary Welty for \$300. The three 100-foot-deep lots faced west onto Water Street, a new 50-foot-wide street that extended north into the subdivision from South Street. At the rear of the lots ran a twelve-foot-wide alley. Zellars does not appear to have resided in the neighborhood or to have made any improvements to the lots, and three years later, on June 15, 1895, sold the lots to John Lewis Ford for \$210. Two years later, in 1897, John Lewis Ford was assessed \$350 in taxes for a house and lot and two vacant lots on the east side of Water Street. The house referred to in the assessment was probably 112 Water Street. The house was indicated as 28 Water Street on the 1897 *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Frederick*, and was shown as a two-story frame dwelling with a small rear wing and a one-story outbuilding near the rear of the house.

At the time of the 1900 census, John Lewis Ford, a single, 54-year-old day laborer, resided in the dwelling with his mother, 81-year-old Julia A. Ford. By 1910, John Lewis Ford was living alone and was listed as fence maker, and in 1920 he was still living alone and worked as a carpenter who made boxes. Sanborn maps show that for a brief period in the early twentieth century, a one-story building stood at the front of the narrow lot between 112 and 110 Water Street. At the rear of this narrow lot was a two-story building with one-story wing. These buildings may have been workshops for Ford's carpentry trade.

By 1923 the property had passed to John Benjamin and Annie S. Ford who sold it to Alexander L. and Emma May Quinn. Within the next two years, the property transferred from the Quinns to William E. and Marcella R. Kemp, then to Harry W. and Daisy V. Winpiger, and finally in a sheriff's sale in 1925 to Clarence, Alice Louise, and Elizabeth Fogle who bought it for \$1,550. According to census records, Clarence Fogle had lived for much of his boyhood in 131 Water Street, one of the four row houses across the street built by his father Michael Fogle around 1898. In the mid-1930s, Clarence Fogle occupied the house, but appears to have rented it to tenants during the 1920s and in the 1940s and 1950s. City directories indicate that Lawrence V. Riggles and his wife Catherine were tenants of the house throughout the 1940s. Riggles worked at the nearby Frederick Brick Works as did a second Lawrence Riggles listed at the same address, probably Riggles' son.

By 1960, probably after her husband died, Alice Louise Fogle was residing in 112 Water Street. She lived there until her death in 1995. The house was purchased in 1996 by her grandson, Troy D. Cregger, and his wife Stacey who currently occupy the house.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 3,835 sq. ft.Quadrangle name Frederick, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24 000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Frederick Tax map 418 Lot 916A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name of Property John Lewis Ford House
112 Water Street

Frederick County

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Cregger, Mary Jane, Personal Communication, August 1996.

Frederick County Board of County Commissioners, Frederick County Tax Assessments, 1876-1896.

Frederick County Recorder of Deeds, Land Books, liber WIP 9, folio 597; liber WIP 13, folio 376; liber JLJ 1, folio 90; liber JLJ 11, folio 165; liber 344, folio 89; liber 348, folio 487-488; liber 356, folio 73; liber 2167, folio 1285.

Polk, R.L. and Co. *Polk's Directory of Frederick*. New York, New York, 1928-29, 1935, 1940-41, 1946, 1950, 1955, 1960.

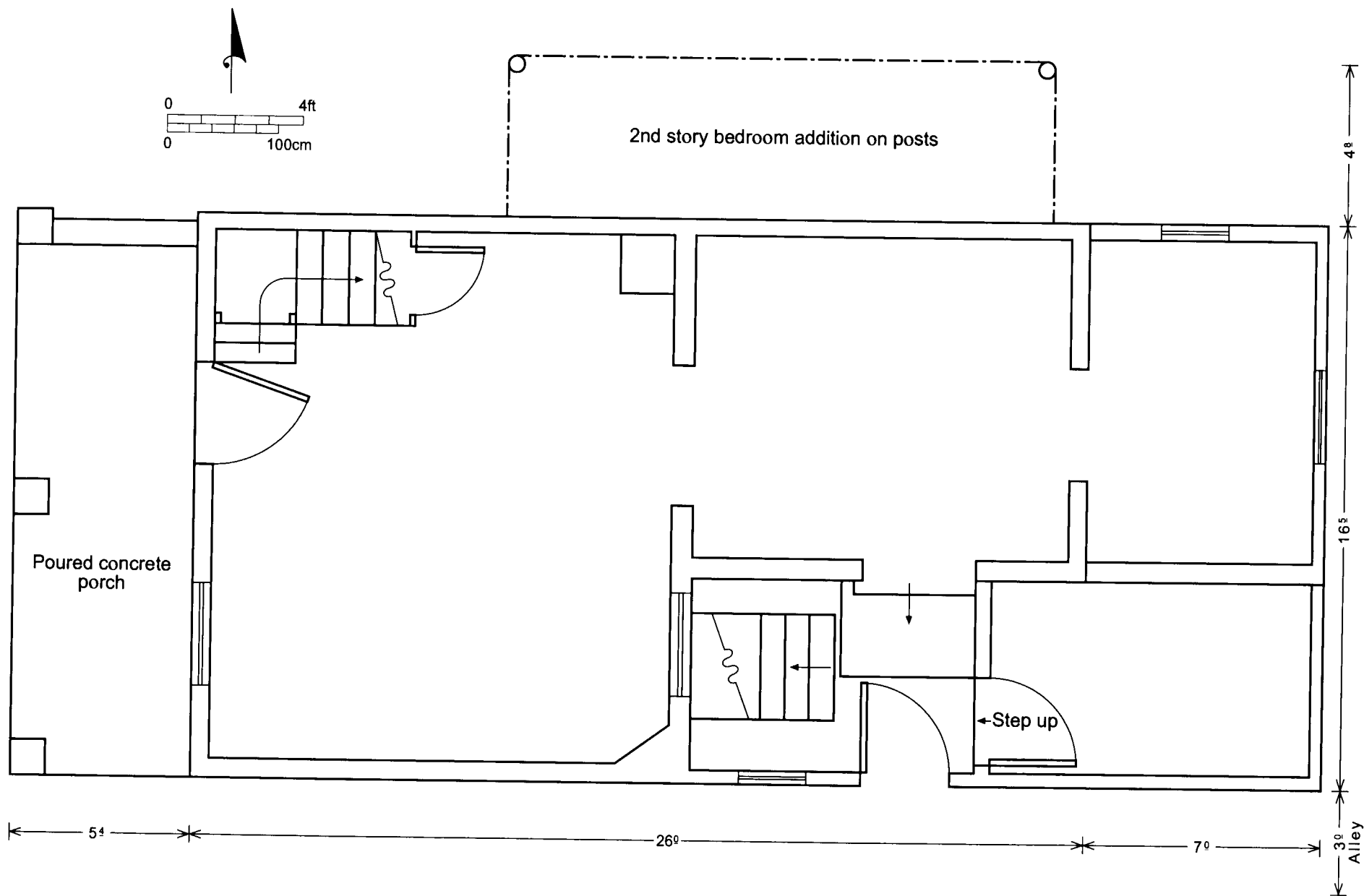
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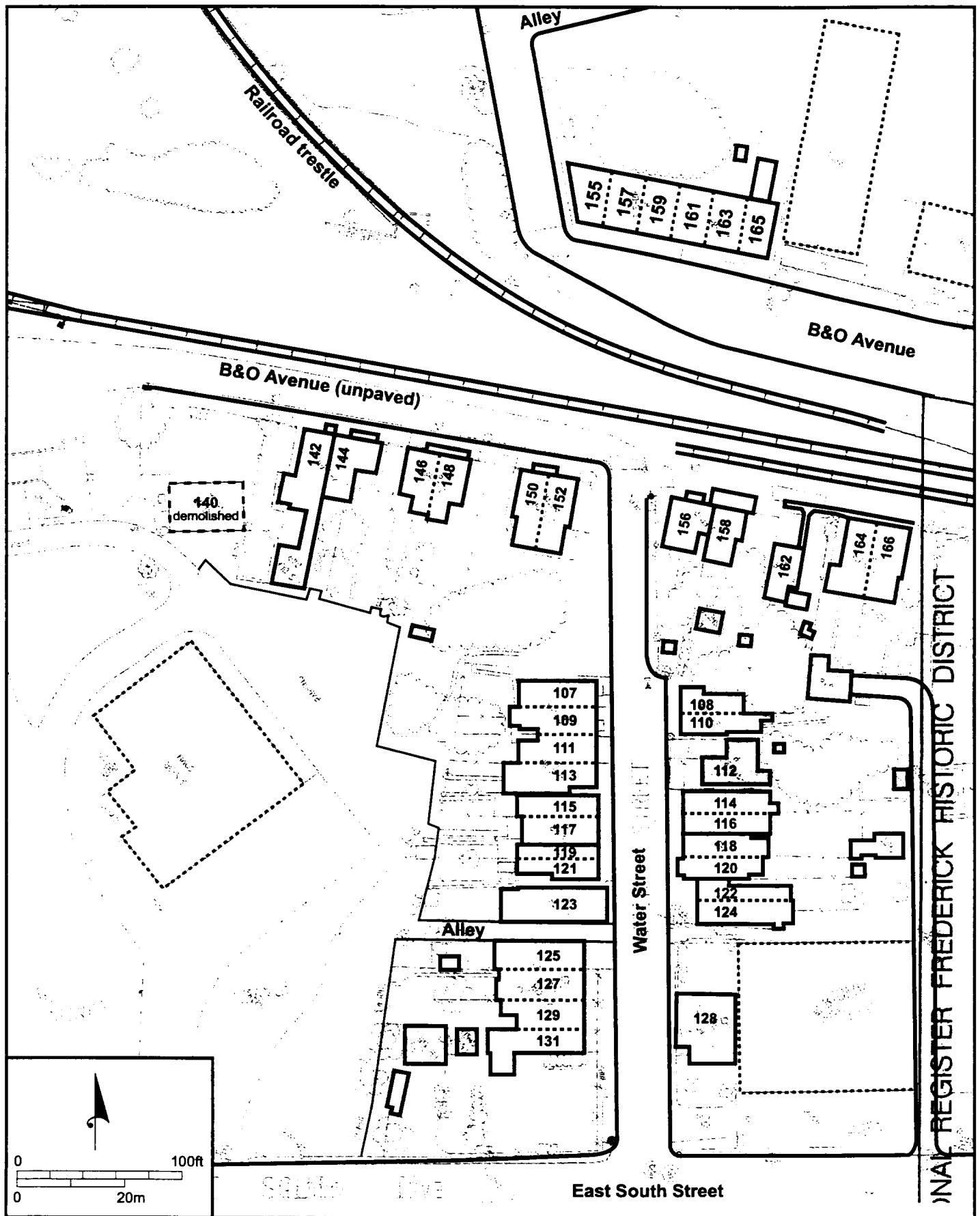
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Date	Transaction	Property description	Reference
Feb. 12, 1996	Deed: Estate of Alice Louise Fogle to Troy D., Sr., and Stacy L. Cregger for \$55,000	112 Water Street	Deed Book 2167/1285
1960	City Directory: Mrs. Alice L. Fogle	owner occupant of 112 Water Street	Polk 1960
1955	City Directory: Harry F. Minnick	renters of 112 Water Street	Polk 1955
1950	City Directory: Lawrence V. Riggles (Catherine) bricklayer; Lawrence Riggles, laborer; John C. Riggles, bricklayer	renters of 112 Water Street	Polk 1950
1946	City Directory: Lawrence V. Riggles, household of 7	renter of 112 Water Street	Polk 1946
1940-41	City Directory: Lawrence V. Riggles (Catherine) laborer at Frederick Brick Works, household of 6	renter of 112 Water Street	Polk 1940-41
1935	City Directory: Clarence E. Fogle	occupant of 112 Water Street	Polk 1935
1928-29	City Directory: H.F. McCauley	occupant of 112 Water Street	Polk 1928-29
Dec. 15, 1925	Deed: Ingomar Albough, Sheriff (in suit v. Henry W. and Daisy V. Winpigler) to Clarence E., Alice L. and Elizabeth Fogle for \$1,550	part of lots 11 and 12 on Welty Plat	Deed Book 356/73
June 3, 1924	Deed: William E. and Marcella R. Kemp to Harry W. and Daisy V. Winpigler	part of lots 11 and 12 on Welty Plat	Deed Book 348/488
Dec. 1, 1923	Deed: Alexander L. and Emma May Quinn to William E. and Marcella R. Kemp	part of lots 11 and 12 on Welty Plat	Deed Book 348/487
April 2, 1923	Deed: John Benjamin and Annie S. Ford to Alexander L. and Emma May Quinn	part of lots 11 and 12 on Welty Plat	Deed Book 344/89
January 5, 1920	Census: John Ford, 76, single, carpenter, boxes	Renter of 112 Water Street	1920 census
April 20, 1910	Census: Lewis Ford, 60, single, fence maker	Owner occupant of 112 Water Street	1910 census
1900	Census: John L. Ford, 54, single, day laborer; Julia A. Ford, 81, mother	Owner of 28 Water Street	1900 Census

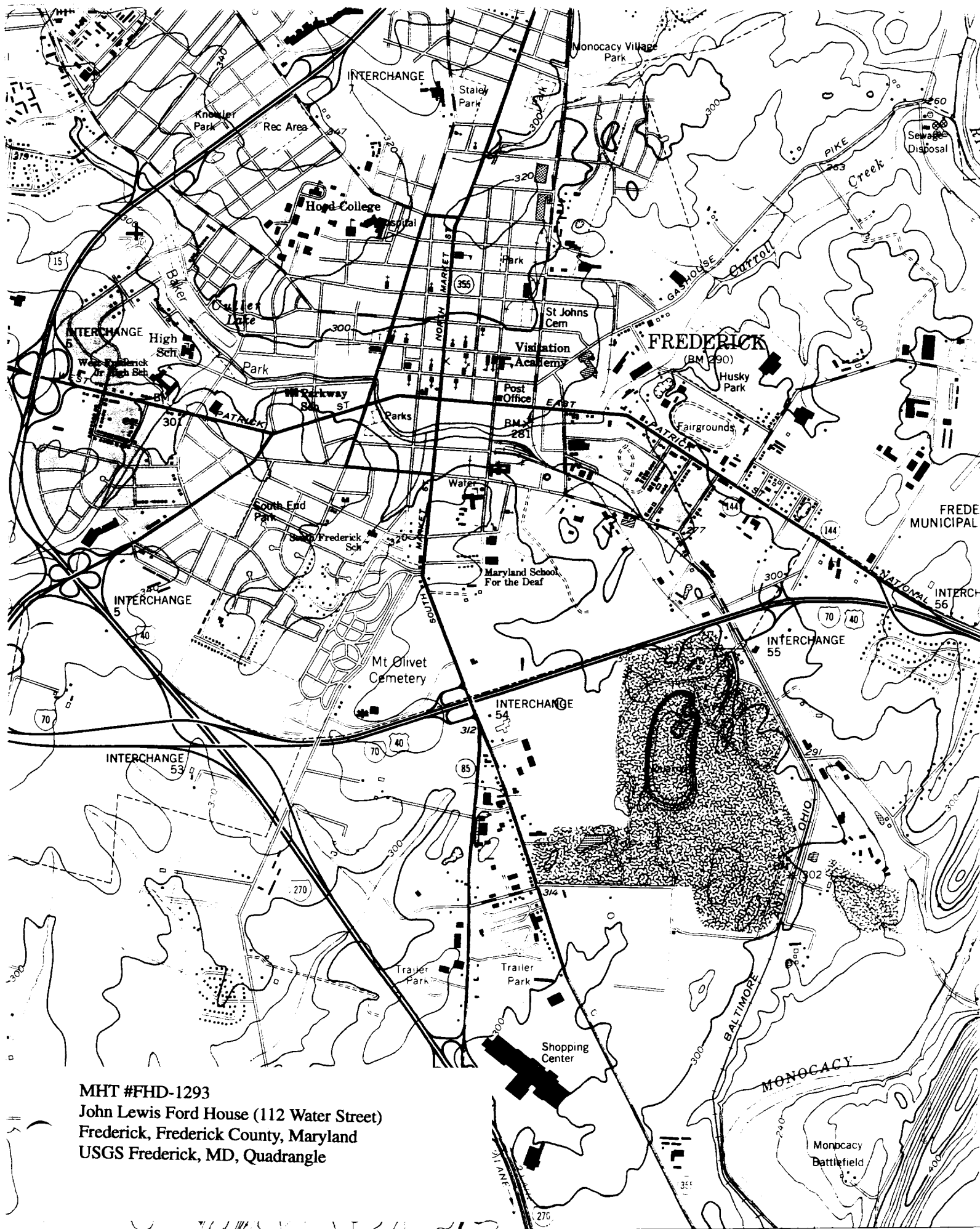
Date	Transaction	Property description	Reference
1897	Map	Shown as 28 Water Street, 2-story frame dwelling, set back from street	Sanborn 1897
1897	Tax Assessment: John Lewis Ford for \$350	Lot and house on Water St. (also \$50 each for 2 vacant lots, east side Water St.)	Tax Book 1896-1910
June 15, 1895	Deed: Charles Edward and Mary E. Zellars to John L. Ford for \$210	Lots 11 and 12 on Welty Plat	Deed Book JLJ 11/165
April 19, 1892	Tax Assessment: C. Edward Zellars for \$300	Three lots from H.G. Welty	Tax Book 1876-1896
Jan. 8, 1892	Deed: Mary A. and Horace G. Welty of Baltimore, MD, to Charles Zellars	Lots 11, 12, and 13 on Welty Plat	Deed Book JLJ 1/90
May 23, 1891	Plat of Mary A. Welty's Addition to Frederick City, Maryland	Lots 11 and 12 shows as 100'-deep lots fronting on the east side of Water Street	Deed Book WIP 13/376
May 25, 1891	Deed: Joseph and Adaline Welty (of Tuscarora, Ohio) to their daughter-in-law, Mary Welty for \$1 and natural love and affection	2 acres, 1 rood, and 11½ perches	Deed Book WIP 13/372
Jan. 18, 1890	Deed: Mary A. and Horace G. Welty to Joseph Welty for \$500	2 acres, 1 rood, and 11½ perches	Deed Book WIP 9/667
April 30, 1890	Tax Assessment: Horace G. Welty for \$700	3 acres, 3 roods, 16 perches vacant land from G.K. Birely heirs	Tax Book 1876-1896
April 28, 1890	Tax Assessment: George K. Birely heirs for \$462	3 acres, 3 roods, 16 perches vacant land to H.G. Welty	Tax Book 1876-1896
Nov. 26, 1889	Deed: George K. Birely heirs to Horace G. Welty for \$1,000	3 acres, 3 roods, 16 perches vacant land	Deed Book WIP 9/597



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 John Lewis Ford House (112 Water Street)
 Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland
 Drawn by Anita L. Dodd, 1996
 Measured floor plan, first floor



Resource Sketch Map
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John Lewis Ford House (112 Water Street)
Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland



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 John Lewis Ford House (112 Water Street)
 Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland
 USGS Frederick, MD, Quadrangle



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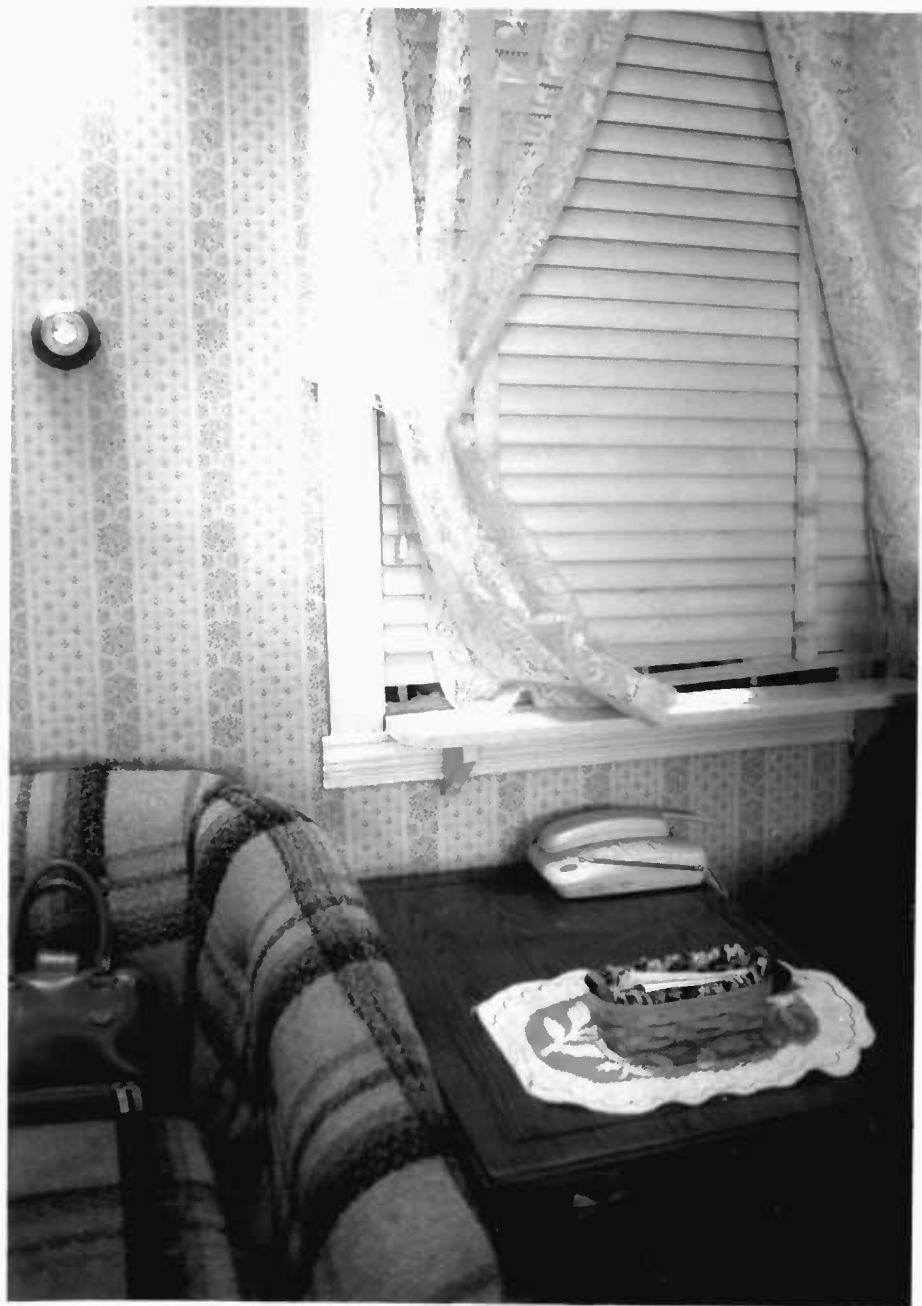
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West Elevation (Front) Looking East

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Original window of exterior wall in parlor, now an interior window. Looking East

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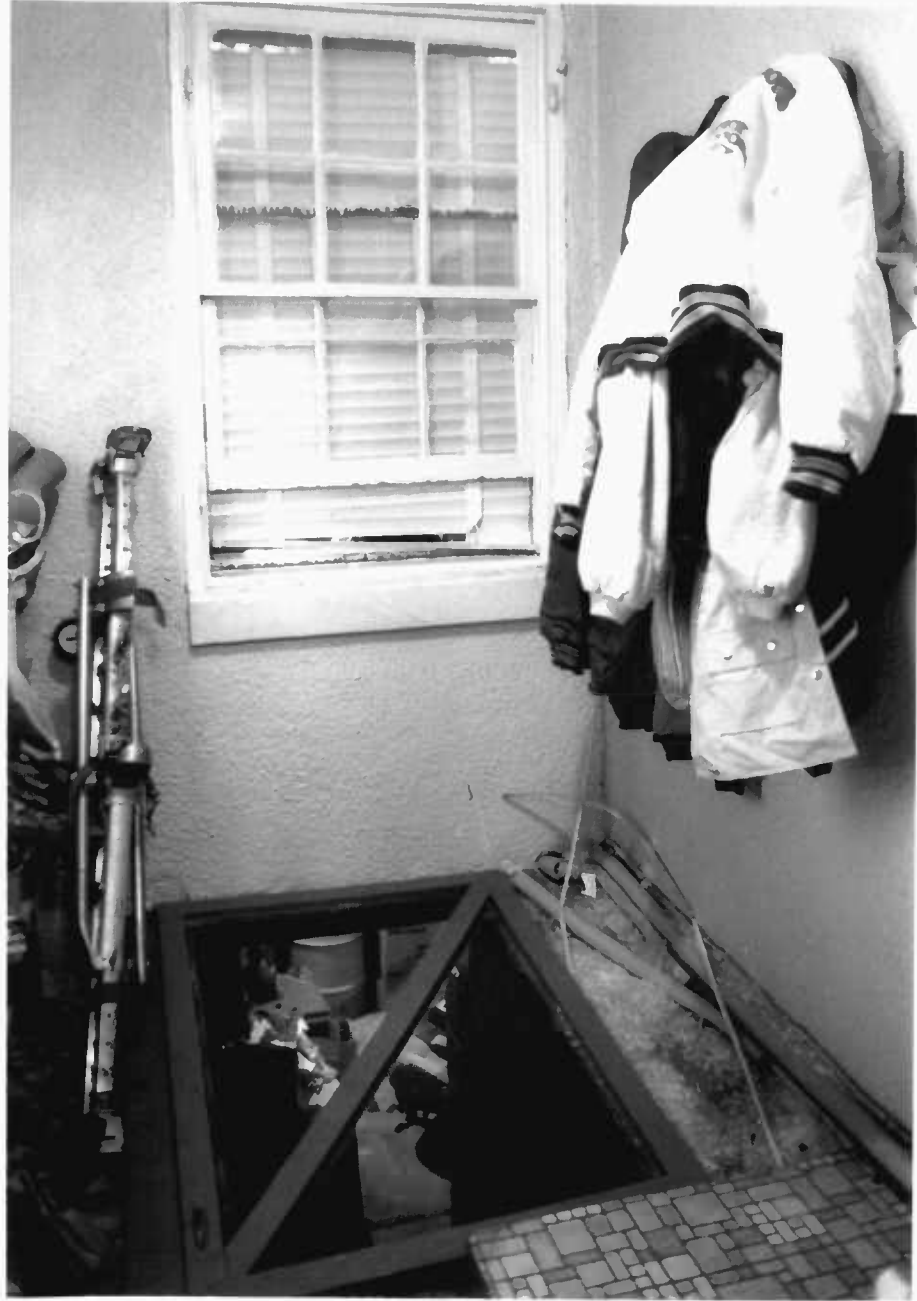
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Interior detail of closet beneath stairway in front parlor
Looking NW

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Originally an exterior window (same as in photo 2 of 7) over
basement entrance

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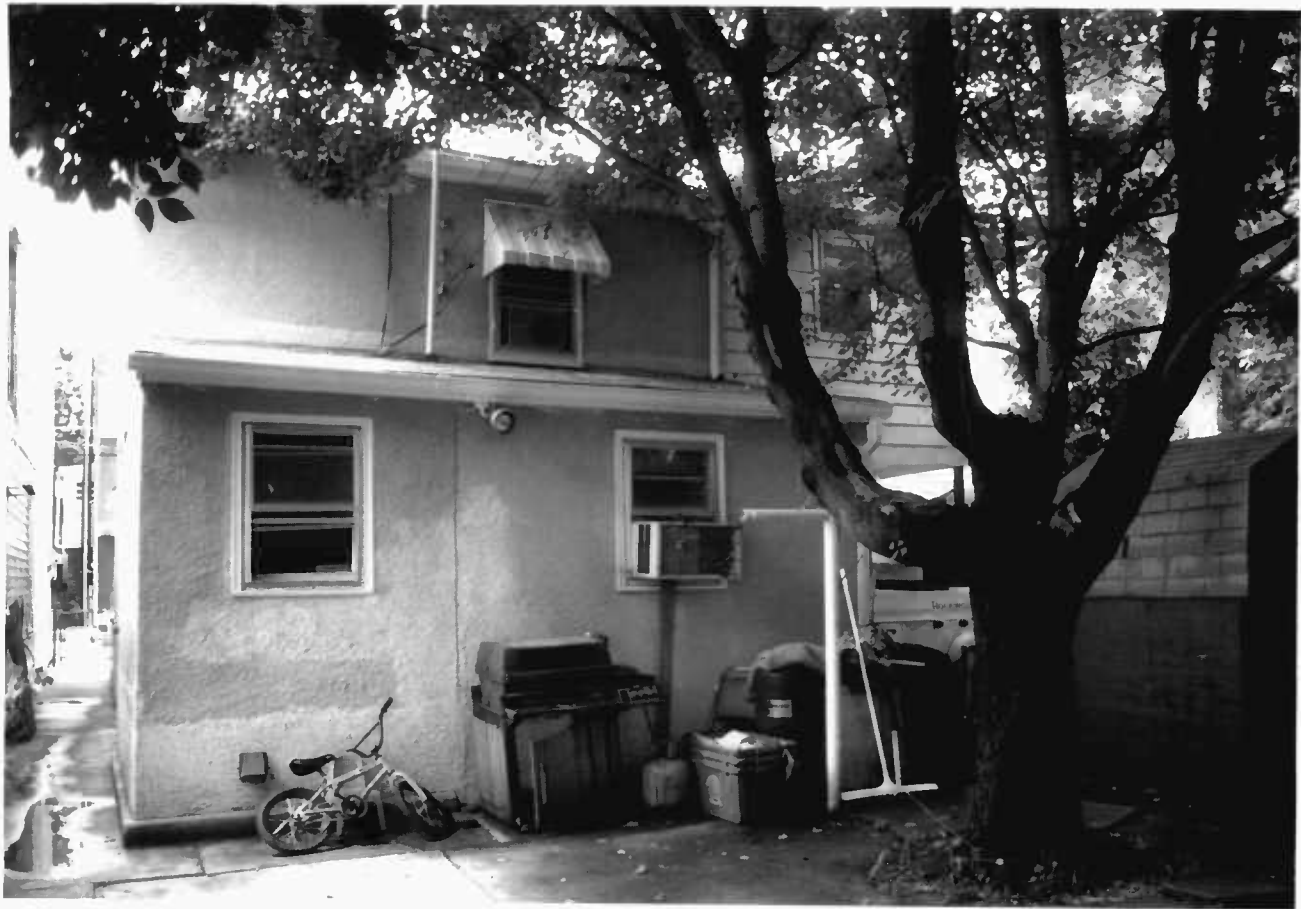
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South elevation, looking NW

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EAST Elevation, Looking West

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Back yard, Looking SE

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